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Sri T. T. DANIEL : In view of the fact that children of working classes are there, whose parents are obliged to go for their work all through the day, will the Government think of starting such clubs at least in the villages?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : First I am afraid these will have to be started in urban areas and then they should spread to villages. As I have already said there is no such programme in the Third Plan.

Engineering courses

* 785 Q.—Sri T. S. RAMASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Madras City got more seats to the Engineering Course proportionately than that of the other districts;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether children of Government servants from the City were allowed to apply either as City applicants or from the district from where they came; and

(d) if so, how many of them have applied from their native districts and not as City applicants?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : (a) & (b) Yes, Sir. Besides the seats allocated on the basis of population, one-third of the unutilised seats reserved for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes were added to the Madras City general pool, while the remaining two-thirds were allocated to the general pool of the districts on the basis of population. As there are more colleges in the City, candidates who pass out from these colleges, with distinction, will be denied admission if the unutilised seats are distributed among the City and the District quotas strictly on a population basis.

(c) Yes, Sir. In case a Government servant of the Madras State cannot claim permanent residence in a district as required under the rules, he may declare as his permanent residence, the district where he is residing at the time of application of his son or ward.

(d) Statistics regarding this have not been maintained by the Selection Committee and it is not possible to collect the same now.

Sri T. S. RAMASWAMI : As is evident from the answer itself, the children in the City are benefited both by the additional number of seats allotted to the City as well as the facility given to their parents in the matter of production of nativity certificates. In view of the above, will the Government re-consider the whole thing?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : There is no case for reconsidering it. It has worked fairly well for the past four or five years.